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Application Number 10/715,235

Filing Date 11/17/2003

First Named Inventor Donald E. Weder

Group Art Unit 1772

Examiner Name A. Nasser

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Attorney Docket Number 8404.023

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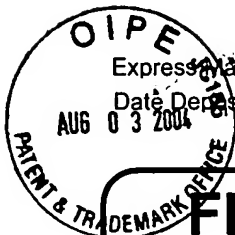
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| Independent Claims | ** = | X | \$0 |
| Multiple Dependent | ** = | X | \$0 |

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
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| 1202 18 | 2202 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 1051 130 | 2051 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 50 | 2052 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 420 | 2252 210 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 950 | 2253 475 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 1,480 | 2254 740 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 2,010 | 2255 1,005 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 330 | 2401 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,330 | 2501 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 480 | 2502 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | 180 |
| 8021 40 | 8021 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 770 | 2809 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 770 | 2801 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 900 | 1802 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify)

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donald E. Weder) Atty. Dkt. No. 8404.023
Serial No.: 10/715,235)
Filed: November 17, 2003)

For: METHODS FOR FORMING A PREFORMED FLOWER POT COVER HAVING A FINISH
SIMULATING THE APPEARANCE OF CLOTH

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

List of Sections Forming Part of This Information Disclosure Statement

The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1. ☒ Preliminary Statements
2. ☒ FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (formerly Form PTO- 1449)
3. ☒ Statement As To Information Not Found In Patents Or Publications (Information Not Listed In Form PTO/SB/08A and 08B))
4. ☒ Identification Of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted
5. ☒ Copies Of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement
6. ☒ Identification Of Person(s) Making This Information Disclosure Statement

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Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as an admission against interest in any manner. Notice of January 9, 1992, 1135 O.G. 13-25, at 25.

Section 2. FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified)

- ☒ [X] A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached hereto.
- ☐ [] No Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached.

Section 3. Statement As To Information Not Found In Patents Or Publications (Information Not Listed In Form PTO/SB/08A and 08B))

Applicant is aware that film printed with a lace pattern has been produced and sold more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the subject application. Applicant is also aware of a white unprinted fiber sleeve, such as formed of spun-bonded material, has been produced and sold more than one year prior to the effective filing date of the subject application.

Section 4. Identification Of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited And For Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/391,400, filed on March 18, 2003.**

Section 5. Copies Of Listed Information Items Accompanying This Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B accompany this information disclosure statement.

☒ Exception(s) to above:

☒ Items in prior application from which an earlier filing date is claimed for this application, as identified in Section 4.

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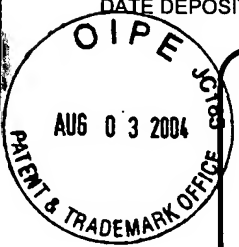
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| U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
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| Examiner Initials ¹ | Cite No. ¹ | U.S. Patent Document | | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear |
| | | Number | Kind Code ² (if known) | | | |
| | AA | 583925 | | McGowan | 06/08/1897 | |
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| | AT | 5094060 | | Caird | 03/10/1992 | |

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| OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS | | | |
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| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. ¹ | Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published. | T ² |
| | BG | Speed Cover ®, The Simple Solution For These Peak Volume Periods, Highland Supply Corporation, 1989 | |
| | BH | "Speed Sheets and Speed Rolls" Brochure, Highland Supply Corporation, ©1990. | |
| | BI | "Color Them Happy with Highlander Products" ©1992. | |
| | BJ | "Costa Keeps the Christmas Spirit", Supermarket Floral, Sept. 15, 1992. | |
| | BK | "Super Seller", Supermarket Floral, Sept. 15, 1992. | |
| | BL | "Halloween", Link Magazine, Sept. 1992. | |
| | BM | "Now More Than Ever", Supermarket Floral, Sept. 15, 1992. | |
| | BN | Le Plant Sac Advertisement, published prior to 9/26/87. | |
| | BO | "A World of Cut Flower and Pot Plant Packaging" Brochure, Klerk's Plastic Products Manufacturing, Inc., published prior to 3/31/94, 6 pages. | |
| | BP | Chantler & Chantler brochure showing Zipper Sleeve™ and Florasheet®, published prior to 3/31/94, 2 pages. | |
| | BQ | "Foil Jackets" brochure, Custom Medallion, Inc., December, 1996, 2 pages. | |

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